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THE HON. SRI M. BHAKTAVATSALAM :—" I have already answered that when Government take a decision on the question of reorganization, we will see how best we can absorb these men who are already in service."

SRI S. RAMALINGAM :—" ஒரு மந்திரி பீல்ட்மென்களை அதிகமாக்கினால் விவசாயம் அபிவிருத்தி அடையுமென்கிறார். மற்றொரு மந்திரி வந்ததும் மேஸ்திரிகளின் எண்ணிக்கையை அபிவிருத்தி செய்கிறார். அம்மாதிரி மந்திரிக்கு மந்திரி கொள்கை மாறுதல் ஏற்பட்டு நிரந்தரமாக ஒரு கொள்கையும் இல்லை. ஆகையால் நிரந்தரமான கொள்கை ஏற்படுத்த முடியுமா.? "

THE HON. SRI M. BHAKTAVATSALAM :—" It is possible that there is difference of opinion between one Government and another. But I can assure the hon. Member that there is no difference of opinion among the Members of the same Government."

SRI R. S. ARUMUGAM :—" பீல்ட்மென்களுக்குள்ள யோக்கியதாம்சம் என்ன ? விவசாயத் தொழிலாளிகளாகிய ஹரிஜனங்களுக்கு ஜாஸ்தி பிரபிரென்ஸ் (preference) காட்டுமா ? "

THE HON. SRI M. BHAKTAVATSALAM :—" Yes, Sir. Fieldmen are recruited initially from among those who have passed the School Final examination, and then they are given a course of training in our agricultural research stations."

SRI T. S. ARDHANARI :—" பீல்ட்மென்களுக்கு அதிக அனுபவம் தேவைப்படுகிறது என்று டெமான்ஸ்டிரேடர் (Demonstrator) கூறுகிறார். ஆகையால் படிப்பு வாரியாக தேர்ந்தெடுக்காமல் அனுபவ வாரியாக தேர்ந்தெடுக்க சர்க்கார் நடவடிக்கை எடுக்குமா ? "

THE HON. SRI M. BHAKTAVATSALAM :—" It is exactly the idea behind the proposal to reorganize the field organization so that we may have more maistries than the so-called educated fieldmen."

SRI A. GOVINDASAMI NAYAGAR :—" பீல்ட்மென்களை எந்த யோக்கியதாம்சத்தின் கீழ் எடுக்கிறார்கள் என்பதை மந்திரி அவர்கள் கூறுவார்களா ? "

THE HON. SRI M. BHAKTAVATSALAM :—" School Final candidates are recruited for the posts of fieldmen."

SRI M. JAGANNATHAN :—" What is the work of a fieldman, Sir? "

THE HON. SRI M. BHAKTAVATSALAM :—" He does field work, Sir. (Laughter.) He supervises the work of maistries, and he also does some field work. It is not mere supervisory work alone that he does."

Headquarters Hospital, Cuddalore.

* 243 *Q.*—SRI K. ARANGANATHAN : Will the Hon. the Minister for Health be pleased to state the maximum number of in-patients undergoing treatment in the Cuddalore Headquarters Hospital in South Arcot district at any time during this year? "

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THE HON. SRI A. B. SHETTY :—" Three hundred and thirty-nine on the 4th March and again the same number on the 24th June 1953."

SRI K. ARANGANATHAN :—" Sir, the sanctioned strength of the Headquarters Hospital is only 180, and there are in-patients double that number. There is great congestion there. May I ask what the Government propose to do in this matter, and when they will increase the sanctioned bed-strength? "

THE HON. SRI A. B. SHETTY :—" I have stated more than once on the floor of this House that the number of in-patients treated in most of the hospitals is much more than the sanctioned bed-strength of the hospitals. From time to time, considering the need for increase in the bed-strength and the availability of funds, the bed-strength in hospitals is increased and additional staff is sanctioned."

SRI S. DEIVASIGAMANY :—" Is it a fact, Sir, that in-patients are made to lie on verandahs, and they are not given sufficient bedding, etc.? "

THE HON. SRI A. B. SHETTY :—" Patients want to get admission into the hospital and receive some treatment. They do not mind where they sleep."

SRI V. BALAKRISHNAN :—" Sir, is leprosy the major achievement of the Cuddalore hospital? "

THE HON. SRI A. B. SHETTY :—" In South Arcot there are plenty of leprosy cases, Sir."

Standing Labour Committee meeting at Delhi.

10 a.m. * 244 *Q.*—SRI K. P. GOPALAN : Will the Hon. the Minister for Industries and Labour be pleased to state whether the Madras Government sent any representative to the Standing Labour Committee meeting held at Delhi on 27th and 28th July 1953; and if so, what was the stand taken by the Madras Government through their representative on the question of paying involuntary unemployment allowance to the workers and the enactment of a Central Shop and Establishment Act? "

THE HON. DR. U. KRISHNA RAO :—" Yes Sir. Sri J. M. Lobo Prabhu, I.C.S., Secretary, Industries, Labour and Co-operation Department represented Madras Government at the meeting.

On the question of payment of compensation for involuntary unemployment this Government's representative suggested at the meeting that this Government should be consulted before implementing the scheme agreed upon by the employers' and workers' representatives.